



State of Utah

Utah Navajo Trust Fund



UNTF Dine' Advisory Committee – Mexican Water Multi-Purpose Building Conference Room

10:00 am, Friday, December 04, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: *Melvin Capitan called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.*

- a. Roll Call: *Wyona Atene*
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| ✓ Atene, Wyona | □ ✓ Harvey, Jamie | ✓ Myerson, Al |
| ✓ Benally, Ryan | □ Farley, Melinda | ✓ Nez, Stanley |
| ✓ Capitan, Melvin | □ ✓ Maryboy, Jerrica | ✓ Stevens, Hank |

There was a quorum established with 6 members present at the beginning of the meeting. Jamie Harvey and Jerrica Maryboy arrived later in the meeting 8 members were present for most of the meeting. Melinda Farley was absent.

b. Recognition of Guests

- i. *Dr. James Davis, Office of the Navajo Nation President & Vice-President*
- ii. *Bill Todachennie, Aneth Chapter Vice-President*
- iii. *Wilbur Capitan, Aneth Chapter CSC*
- iv. *Clarence Rockwell, Executive Director, Navajo Utah Commission*
- v. *Stephanie Holly, Navajo Utah Commission*
- vi. *Norman Lameman, Red Mesa Chapter resident*
- vii. *Martha Saggboy, Mexican Water Chapter Manager*
- viii. *Lynn Stevens, UNTF Project Manager*
- ix. *Tony Dayish, UNTF Administrator*
- x. *Maury Bergman, UNTF Financial Manager*
- xi. *Dorothy Phillips, UNTF Education Specialist*
- xii. *Melinda Blackhorse, UNTF Projects Specialist*
- xiii. *John D. Nakai, UNTF Construction Supervisor*

II. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA– ***Motion by Stanley Nez to approve the agenda, 2nd by Alfred Myerson, Vote: 6-0.***

Jamie Harvey arrived at this point in the meeting.

III. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Nov. 20, 2015 Dine' Advisory Committee Meeting – ***Motion by Ryan Benally to approve the minutes, 2nd by Alfred Myerson, Vote: 7-0.***

Jerrica Maryboy arrived at this point in the meeting.

IV. ORIENTATION PRESENTATIONS

- a. Projects: Housing & House-Wiring/Powerlines Melinda Blackhorse
- b. Public Facility Projects Tony Dayish

Melinda Blackhorse and Tony Dayish provided their powerpoint presentations on these two programs. There was a question and answer session after each presentation.

Note: The following section has editing language such as strike-out language and underlining that is meant to be there to show the changes recommended to the UNTF policies that will be promoted to proposed administrative rules.

V. UNTF PLAN OF OPERATION / POLICIES & PROCEDURES / ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- a. Review of Residency, College Financial Assistance, Housing, Powerlines, etc. and other policies contained in the UNTF Programs. *The members of the committee had a lengthy discussion on various parts of the proposed UNTF rules and policies. The committee did not have enough time to go through each policy thoroughly. The following is a summary of the main changes that were proposed and voted upon for recommendation for revisions to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration:*
 - i. Residency Policy, 1. , A. ...A person must be enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, as shown by:
 1. A census number; and
 2. A ~~certificate of recognition~~ **Chapter Resolution** by a Utah Navajo Chapter (DAC comment: let the applicant come openly before the chapter, not get in through a back door process where not everyone may aware of it, translation: we'll make it difficult on any questionable applicants and accept only those that should really be eligible), including the Blue Mountain Dineh Community.
 3. **San Juan County voter registration, utility bills for the last 3 years, verification of house location by GPS, homesite lease, Utah Drivers License, and individual income tax statements.** **Motion by Jamie Harvey, 2nd by Ryan Benally, Vote: 8-0.**
 - ii. Residency Policy B. ... at least ~~three~~ **5** years immediately preceding the date of application for any UNTF program services... **Motion by Stanley Nez, 2nd by Hank Stevens, Vote: 4-3 (motion carried).** *Note: Melvin Capitan recommended 15 years, a motion and 2nd was made but the vote was 3-4 (motion failed).*
 - iii. Residency Policy B.5 ... upon establishing proof of marriage, the previous non-San Juan County spouse shall be deemed ~~automatically~~ eligible for UNTF program services... **The proof of marriage shall be evidenced by a marriage certificate or a Navajo Nation Affidavit of Marriage for traditional Navajo marriages or a Navajo Nation common law marriage certificate...** **Motion by Jamie Harvey, 2nd by Wyona Atene, Vote: 8-0.**
 - iv. Residency Policy B.6. Adopted children acquire the resident status of their adoptive parents as of the date of adoption ~~that decree of adoption is signed and after they meet the residency requirements.~~ **that decree of adoption is signed and after they meet the residency requirements.** **Motion by Wyona Atene, 2nd by Ryan Benally, Vote: 8-0.**
 - v. Residency Policy: Residency Definition comment: Jamie Harvey reported that the Aneth Chapter recommends using the Progenitor and Descendants approach in the definition of Utah Navajo residents.
 - vi. Higher Education Financial Assistance and Scholarship Program. **Insert the words, "Utah Navajo College" in between the words and everytime the words "eligible students" appear in this section so that it reads "eligible Utah Navajo College students".** **Motion by Jamie Harvey, 2nd by Ryan Benally, Vote 8-0.**

- vii. Higher Education Financial Assistance and Scholarship Program. III. B. 2. The eligible Utah Navajo college student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grade point scale. for the first 2 years and 2.5 grade point average thereafter. Graduate and doctoral students shall comply with the graduate or doctoral gpa requirements. Motion by Alfred Myerson, 2nd by Wyona Atene, Vote 8-0. Note: there was a long discussion on this with different variations, 2.5 gpa for all, 3.0, 3.5, during the later years of college, graduate, doctoral., etc. but this vote was the end result.
- viii. Higher Education Financial Assistance and Scholarship Program. III. C. 1. Eligible Utah Navajo college students are encouraged to declare a major within a given field early within the first 2 semesters (Fall & Winter) so that proper counseling and academic advisement are provided to the student. Motion by Ryan Benally, 2nd by Stanley Nez, Vote 8-0.
- ix. Higher Education Financial Assistance and Scholarship Program. IV. A. ... UNTF will fund an eligible Utah Navajo college student based on credit hours, or the following maximum limits per academic term: ... \$2,500 per semester for the first 2 years and \$3,000 per semester thereafter up to Bachelors degree. Graduates and above should be afforded a \$3,500 per semester funding level. The funding level should be re-evaluated each year using information from the state average of cost increases for Utah college and to adjust the funding level if necessary... Motion by Jamie Harvey, 2nd by Jerrica Maryboy, Vote 8-0.
- x. Higher Education Financial Assistance and Scholarship Program. VI. New C. Official transcripts paid by student and submitted to UNTF once every Fall Semester. Motion by Ryan Benally, 2nd by Wyona Atene, Vote 8-0.
- xi. Housing Projects Policy I. Individuals requesting housing assistance must apply to their respective Chapter and follow the Chapter's procedures for application, required documents, prioritization. All requests, budget preparation, updates and progress reports will be processed through the Chapter first. Applicants that are: disabled, elderly, single parent, veteran shall be considered first on the housing priority assistance listing and must also qualify for the UNTF residency criteria. Motion by Melvin Capitan, 2nd by Ryan Benally, Vote: 8-0.
- xii. Housing Projects Policy I. New D. Elderly applicants must designate a successor so that it is clear which family member will be have ownership and be responsible for occupancy and maintenance for the house. Motion by Hank Stevens, 2nd by Stanley Nez, Vote: 8-0.
- xiii. Housing Projects Policy. Stanley Nez recommended approaching the USU-Eastern Building Trades Program to possibly build some UNTF-funded houses.

b. Chapter Projects Allocation

VI. Request by MADE, Inc. to lease Mont. Creek Sewing Plant

- a. Tony Dayish made a report that Stacey Ellis, president and owner, of MADE, Inc. approached UNTF about possibly leasing the Montezuma Creek Sewing Plant Building, Machines, and Land. He and his family made a site visit on Nov. 14, 2015 and they saw the building for themselves. They were impressed that the machines are still in good shape and they wanted to go to the next step of finding information on utility costs, available workers, possible other contracts they can possibly obtain. They were

agreeable to the lease rate that included the rental of sewing machines as well. MADE, Inc. designs and produces high fashion stretchy women's pants.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. UNTF Board of Trustees Meeting, Dec. 11, 2015 in Salt Lake City : ***Motion by Jamie Harvey to recommend Melvin Capitan to attend the BOT meeting to represent the Dine' Advisory Committee's recommendations on the UNTF Rules and Policies, 2nd by Wyona Atene, Vote: 8-0.***

VIII. NEXT MEETING: ***Motion by name to have the next DAC meeting on Jan. 08, 2015, place to be determined by UNTF administration, 2nd by name, Vote: 8-0. It was recommended to have more information on the Progenitor and Descendant approach for the Utah Navajo Residency Definition at the next meeting and an Education Report that shows the list of students and their GPA information.***

IX. ADJOURNMENT ***Motion to Adjourn by Stanley Nez, 2nd by Alfred Myerson, 8-0.***